

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department - Diversion of 1.73 Ha of Forest Land in Velugodu RF of Wildlife Atmakur Division for laying of pipeline for drinking water supply from Velugodu Balancing Reservoir to CPWS Yerragudur, in favour of Superintending Engineer, RWS & S, Kurnool – **Final (Stage.II)** approval accorded - Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O Ms. No. 54

Dated:3 -07-2013.

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.32203/2009-F1, dated:24-06-2011.
- 2.GOI, Mo.EF, New Delhi Lr.No.11-9/98- FC, dated. 3-1-2005
- 3.GOI, Mo.EF, New Delhi, Lr.F.No.11-9/98-FC, dated. 11-9-2009.
- 4.GOI, Mo.EF, New Delhi, Lr.F.No.11-9/98-FC, dated.3-11-2010
- 5.G.O.Rt.No.318, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., dated: 15-7-2011.
6. From PCCF, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.32203/2009-F1, dated:19-8-2011.
6. From PCCF, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.32203/2009-F1, dated:6-8-2012.
7. State Govt. letter No.4549/For.I(I)/2011, dated. 19-11-2012.
8. State Govt. letter No.4549/For.I(I)/2011, dated. 7-5-2013.
- 9 GOI, MoEF, WL Division Lr F.No.6-43/2007/WL-I , dated.27-5-2013.

ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 1.73 Ha of forest land in Velugodu RF of Wildlife Atmakur Division for laying of pipeline for drinking water supply from Velugodu Balancing Reservoir to CPWS Yerragudur, in favour of Superintending Engineer, RWS & S, Kurnool.

2. Government after careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by the Government of India in the letters 2nd to 4th read above, have accorded approval in-principle (Stage.I) vide reference 5th read above, for the project, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, in the reference 5th read above, has reported that the area proposed for diversion falls within 10 Kms from Gundla Bramheswaram Wildlife Sanctuary and as per the guidelines issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, vide F.No.5-3/2007-FC (Pt) dt.19-08-2010, the proposal has to be placed before the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, in his further letter 6th read above, has furnished the compliance report on the conditions stipulated while according in-principle (Stage.I) approval.
5. The State Government vide letter 7th read above, have sent the proposal to the Member Secretary, National Board for Wildlife, Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for according their approval.
6. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Wildlife Division in the reference 9th read above, have communicated the minutes of the 28th meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife held on 20-3-2013 and informed that the committee has recommended, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

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7. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord Final (Stage.II) approval to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad for diversion of 1.73 Ha of forest land in Velugodu RF of Wildlife Atmakur Division for laying of pipeline for drinking water supply from Velugodu Balancing Reservoir to CPWS Yerragudur, in favour of Superintending Engineer, RWS & S, Kurnool, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency.
- (iii) The additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be paid by the user agency and deposited in the designated Ad-hoc CAMPA Account.
- (iv) The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 1.86 ha. of identified non-forest land in Sy.No.704-A of Bugganipalli Village of Bethamcherla Mandal of Kurnool District at the Cost of User Agency.
- (v) Non-forest land for compensatory Afforestation shall be notified as Reserve forest / Protected forest under AP Forest Act, 1967 and the proposal for notification of the said land be furnished to the Government within 6 months.
- (vi) The User Agency shall supply water to Velgodu Central Nursery, situated opposite to Reservoir by laying pipe line at the cost of User Agency.
- (vii) The User Agency should also supply the water to Dr.YSR Smruthi Vanam, which falls on enroute for benefit of visitors etc.
- (viii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.73 ha. In case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area in question shall be taken back by the Forest Department.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, is directed to return the amount of Rs.10.00 lakhs deposited by the user agency for construction of Forest Range Office, Velgodu and to provide the same in the Department budget. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, is therefore requested to take further necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M. SAMUEL,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) &
Chief Wildlife Warden, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, (Central),
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The Chief Executive Officer, (Ad-hoc CAMPA) and IGF (FC),
MoEF, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

The Superintending Engineer, RWS & S, Kurnool
SC/SF.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.